

Nature Cryptograms — Set 18

6 puzzles · Large print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: A = E

Expert · 51 letters

D N U A T W N I T , X W B X

T B N D A C E M L T Y K K J

N T D A T , S Y X K A P A L

O B G A X M T W M L A .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

2. Clue: R = E

Hard · 51 letters

D V R J I P M Y I F

J P M Q R, D V R T M U R

T R B M J M D O G U S

T B Y X R P Y T

X M J W R S U R F F.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

3. Clue: G = T

Medium · 51 letters

Q X V R X Z V O N G C C

X S Y C N G O B G O G L X B K

R J R N G C G O Q T

Z R N X C W Z Q I O E C W G .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

4. Clue: K = S

Easy · 51 letters

J K D U U P A B K W T A U T

B Z P L U A T U K K

Y B Z A Q U K B Z

V Q W P L U K J

D J Z P W Z Z U K K .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

5. Clue: U = T

Hard · 52 letters

R H Z U O Q U D V

T H X R U Q X U M P

R U V Y N Y X C U E D E Q V B

R U H X D, O D Q V R Y U Q U

M Q R U .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

6. Clue: H = E

Medium · 52 letters

Z C L D G Z J L I H
I H B G L Z D R B L C G H
G Z M M H O L I H
E C G O H R X Z D L I H
E S E M H Z M O .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Solver's cheat sheet

Most common letters

E T A O I N S H R D L U

Most common 1-letter words

A I

Most common 2-letter words

OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY
UP AN GO NO US AM

Most common 3-letter words

THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE
OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE
TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE

Common double letters

LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC

Common word endings

-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST

After an apostrophe

T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

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Answer key

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1. "Like ships, that sailed for sunny isles, But never came to shore."

— Thomas K. Hervey, 1830, *The Devil's Progress* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=E B=A C=D D=L E=F F=Z G=M H=X I=P J=Y K=N L=R M=O N=I O=C P=V Q=W R=J S=B T=S
U=K V=G W=H X=T Y=U Z=Q

2. "The curious crime, the fine Felicity and flower of wickedness."

— Robert Browning, 1869, *The Ring and the Book, The Pope. Line 590* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=J B=L C=Z D=T E=X F=S G=A H=G I=U J=C K=Q L=B M=I N=P O=Y P=R Q=M R=E S=D T=F
U=N V=H W=K X=W Y=O Z=V

3. "Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about."

— Oscar Wilde, 1892, *Lady Windermere's Fan*

Cipher key: A=C B=N C=O D=J E=B F=D G=T H=W I=Y J=V K=G L=H M=X N=R O=A P=Z Q=L R=E S=M T=K
U=Q V=F W=U X=I Y=P Z=S

4. "A sweet disorder in the dress Kindles in clothes a wantonness."

— Robert Herrick, 1648, *Hesperides, Delight in Disorder* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=D B=I C=X D=W E=B F=J G=Y H=V I=M J=A K=S L=H M=G N=P O=Q P=T Q=L R=U S=F T=R
U=E V=C W=O X=Z Y=K Z=N

5. "Soft water constantly striking the hard stone, wears it at last."

— Portuguese proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

Cipher key: A=V B=D C=G D=E E=H F=U G=P H=O I=X J=B K=Z L=M M=L N=K O=W P=Y Q=A R=S S=J T=C
U=T V=R W=Q X=N Y=I Z=F

6. "Out from the heart of Nature rolled the burdens of the Bible old."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1847, *Poems, The Problem* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=W B=A C=U D=F E=B F=Q G=R H=E I=H J=M K=X L=T M=L N=Z O=D P=J Q=V R=N S=I T=G
U=Y V=P W=C X=S Y=K Z=O